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House Bill 261

By: Representatives Manning of the 32nd, Smith of the 113th, Reese of the 98th, and Scott of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for changes to the limitations on
- 3 amendments to covenants running with land; to provide for related matters; to repeal
- 4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 8 property owners' associations, is amended by revising Code Section 44-3-234, relating to the
- 9 application of Article 6 to covenants, as follows:
- 10 "4-3-234.

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- 11 (a) The limitations provided in subsection (b) and paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) (1) and (2)
- of subsection (d) of Code Section 44-5-60 shall not apply to any covenants contained in
- any instrument created pursuant to or submitted to this article.
- 14 (b) The limitations provided in paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of Code Section 44-5-60
- shall not apply to any covenants contained in any instrument created pursuant to or
- submitted to this article except for those covenants limiting, restricting, or regulating the
- 17 <u>right of a declarant, owner, lot owner, or lessee to lease a lot or property, provided that:</u>
- 18 (1) This subsection shall be construed to restrict the association from exercising its
- power in accordance with subsection (c) or paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code
- 20 <u>Section 44-3-231; and</u>
- 21 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall restrict the right of the association to adopt
- 22 <u>reasonable uniform rules and regulations governing the care and maintenance of lots and</u>
- 23 <u>properties."</u>
- SECTION 2.
- 25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.